

Weekly Column for October 14

Hodgepodge is the name of the game this week. We have little bit to talk about here and a little bit there.

First, clearly fall is upon us. And with fall comes the changing of colors in the leaves. And that eventually leads to those leaves falling off the trees. Suddenly the leaves are not so much fun to look at. A simple reminder that if you rake your leaves up the easiest way for us to pick them up is if they are left next to your garbage on pickup days in brown paper bags.

I realize that is not possible for everyone to accomplish, but if it is, please try your best. Also, there are many trees in the City, which means there are many more leaves. We will pick your bags up, just please be patient.

If you're hungry at all, I visited a Troy restaurant for the first time this week, and I must recommend it to all. Minissale's Wine Cellar Café just reopened this week after an extensive rehab of the 14th Street building. The restaurant, Italian if you're wondering, is located just off Congress Street. The food was great, and the atmosphere was very New York City. Ted, Phil and Donna Minnisale made a tremendous investment to stay in the City of Troy and we really appreciate that and wish them the best of luck.

They completed their project with the help of the City's 50/50 façade grant, which will match funds put forth to improve the front of a commercial building, up to \$30,000. This was one of the first projects completed this year, and we hope to see many more in the future. For more information on this grant please call my office at 270-4401.

On the sporting side, a good friend of the City, Jason Collins, will be visiting the area this weekend. For those who don't know, Collins is a power forward for the New Jersey Nets, who will be playing the Boston Celtics in an exhibition game at the Pepsi Arena on Saturday afternoon. Earlier this summer, Collins, and his twin brother Jarron visited Troy as part of a basketball camp. I was amazed at the way they interacted with the kids then, and I am excited to watch Jason play for real this weekend.

As I end my column this week, let me just say, Let the Curse Continue- Let's Go Yankees.

See you next week.

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